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NEW STAFF MEMBERS NAMED

WHO SHALL PAY THE WAY?

By R.L. Hartzler

As is generally known, the church is now providing the entire operating expense of the Civilian Camp project. With no government funds from which such expenses could properly be drawn, the church assumed responsibility to initiate and carry the program as far, or as long as it might find itself able to do so. The period (Jan.-July) was set as an experimental period in which the church's ability to do this, was to be tested out. Since the program did not get under way until the last quarter of that period, the time was extended to Sept. 15. Thus the next few weeks are highly important in the history of the camp project.

Whether the church continues to carry the program alone or accepts government subsidy, is indeed a significant question in relation to the fundamental purpose of the camp project as seen by the church. This fact may be more apparent to those who are able to see it from the inside, than to those who view it more or less from without. As one of the former, it is my definite conviction that the values which we seek most to thus conserve in the boys and the church will be modified or even jeopardized, if the church fails to rise to the need by continuing to pay the way.

ON THE PEACE FRONT

Two national conferences that will attract peace-minded Americans are being held late this month and early next month.

The first, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, will analyze peace problems in the post-war world under the theme "The World We Want to Live In." Leaders from the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths will meet at the confer-

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CAMP MATRON LEAVES

Miss Alta Schrock, camp matron, left Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 to help open Camp No.19 at Denison, Iowa. This camp will be the fifthe Mennonite camp and will open with the arrival of 106 draftees from various parts of the middle west on August the 28th.

Miss Schrock came to the Bluffton Camp after the closing of the school term at Bluffton College where she was teacher of biological sciences. She came some time before the opening of camp to help with the monstrous task of getting the buildings and grounds into condition for the opening day, June 23.

Since the camp opened she has been busy teaching the laundry boys the art of washing and ironing clothes, instructing the boys in sewing, patching clothes and darning socks. She also supervised the planting of flowers which have now been blooming for a number of weeks and aiding greatly in the beautification of the camp. The cozy appearance of the social room and apartment living room is also largely due to her untiring efforts.

Miss Schrock's hobbies were the organizing of study clubs and putting notes and letters on slightly wrinkled beds in the vain hope that each new day would bring forth beds without wrinkles, curtains all hanging straight, every suitcase under the beds and carefully dusted. The boys learned much under her strenuous effort although human nature still played a strong enough hand to reveal that at least occasionally boys will be boys.

In appreciation of her efforts the boys in dorm G threw an icecream, watermelon and pop party the evening before her departure. Ivan Badertscher, who is the new business manager, did not attend.

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STAFF MEMBERS NAMED
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The crowning event of her stay at the C.P.S. Camp No.13 was the initial ride in a new four cubic foot, rubber tired wheel barrow with manager Frey at the controls. Cameras clicked as some of the boys attempted to secure a lasting reminder of the wheel barrow queen's ride.

Professor Byler, who has been instructor at Hesston College for the past 15 years will make up the fifth member of the camp staff, serving as educational director. Mrs. Byler will succeed Miss Schrock as matron. They expect to arrive on Sept. 1.

Miss Edna Ramseyer, who has been on leave as a delegate to the General Conference meeting at Souderton, Pennsylvania, is returning to camp for one more week to wind up her duties as dietician and instruct Miss Kolb, of Goshen, Indiana, who is to be her successor. Miss Ramseyer will take a short vacation after which she will resume her regular duties as Dean of Women and Home Economics instructor at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio.

Phil Frey, the camp business manager and assistant director, left yesterday for a ten day leave to attend the conference at Kalona, Iowa, and to visit some of his many relatives in that state. Mr. Frey will then return to stay with the camp a short time after which he will leave for his home at Archbold, Ohio.

WHO'S WHO.

Who is this "campee"? A farm boy, he comes from the third richest county in the U.S. At one time he was a truck driver for a lime dealer, was a painter for 2½ years, worked on a threshing rig for 4 seasons, and was once a stock inventory and warehouse man for a farm bureau co-operative.

He has been a reporter and was a special columnist for 2 years. In high school he was the most bashful boy and the smallest in the freshman class. Writing and reading are his hobbies and his ambition is to get into business managment in some large concern.

He is a church deacon and has been a Sunday school teacher for 16 years. His father came from near Berne, Switzerland.

(Last issue answer: "Wes" Schlabach)

S.S. CLASSES CONDUCT EVENING SERVICE

The Sunday evening services at the camp chapel are usually conducted by the members of one of the Sunday School classes. The programs consist of song services and talks by the boys. Occasionally special programs are held such as that given by the Middlebury choir on August 1.

HOLDING WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

A weekly prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings in the chapel. This meeting is also assigned to a Sunday School class which is held responsible for one evening. A member of the class is chosen to lead the meeting and someone else conducts the song service. One of the boys reads a Scripture passage after which prayers are offered voluntarily by any one attending the meeting. This meeting has become very much a part of all our lives.

RECREATION

Another team has been added to our roster. The kitchen boys have gotten together to form team E. We now have five teams playing in our intramural league. To team E we wish "lots of luck".

Standings of teams

Team	W	L	Tied
B	3	0	1
C	1	1	1
A	1	1	0
D	0	1	1
E	0	2	0

A vs C---10--16
D vs B--- 5-- 5
A vs E---15-- 7
C vs B--- 2-- 6
B vs D---16-- 5
A vs D---no game
B vs E--- 9-- 0

Player	AB	H	R	W	Average
Levi Hershberger	7	4	4	2	.800
David Anderson	4	3	0	0	.500
Noah Raber	13	5	6	2	.454
Cleland Gunden	7	3	3	0	.428
Jake Kooi	9	3	2	2	.428
John Weaver	7	2	2	0	.285
W. Hershberger	11	3	5	0	.272
Kenneth Miller	4	1	1	0	.250
Joe Weaver	11	2	5	3	.250
Harley Birky	7	1	2	2	.200
Levi Kline	6	0	1	1	.166
E. Christner	11	1	4	3	.145

The above is a cross section of the batting averages of twelve of the fellows. The results are tabulated from the second round only. More results will be given of some of the other players in the next issue.

Note: Due to the illness of Willis Hershberger Kenneth Miller helped compile this report.

CAMP QUARTETTE SINGS AT CONFERENCE

The camp quartette took a two day furlough making it possible for them to sing at the Middle District Conference held at the Ebenezer Church near Bluffton Ohio and then going on to Kidron where they sang at the Ohio Mennonite Sunday School Conference. They found deeply interested audiences at both places with more than 2,000 attending the meeting at Kidron.

Last Sunday evening the quartette, together with Phil Frey and Carl Lehman, went to Topeka, Indiana and gave a program at the Maple Grove Church. This is the church of which Ernest Christner, Albert Jones and Albert Schrock are members. Edwin J. Yoder is the pastor.

FORESTRY PROJECT

A trip through the wells County State Forest at this season of the year reveals a growing interest in the importance of soil drainage and fertility. The last two weeks the boys have been making a drainage system between the roads and the tree seed beds. An amply sodded waterway must be maintained for the overflow of the main tile so that the surface water will not wash off the cover of the main ditch.

Two dump trucks and hand tools such as hoes, mattocks and shovels are used for landscaping. Work of this kind is being done along the roadways leading to the park and in the park itself.

Nine of the boys working under Christ Raber are screening sand for the seedbeds. The sand helps hold moisture in the soil and in that way improves tree growth. These boys do their duty wess and feel they are more useful in this work than anywhere else.

Some of the boys were put to work counting the seedling trees. According to actual count there are 15,987 White Walnut or Butternut, 63,768 Black Walnut, 1,011,328 Black Locust, and 1,200 Honey Locust. The count is not complete for all trees.

A few poles supporting the pipe water lines used in the sprinkling system had to be replaced recently. The water in the system is kept under a 65 pound pressure and is pumped by electric motors.

The boys have been eager to work and always ready to do their part to see that the work requested by the forestry officials is done promptly and well.

VISITORS ATTEND SERVICES

A large number of visitors attended the Sunday school and church services las Sunday morning. With a number of the boy out on week-end leaves, this influx of visitors helped our services by filling the chapel to capacity. Ladie's voices added much to the congregational singing.

Our Sunday school meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 C.S.T. with church service following at 9:30. We all enjoy these services very much.

TID BITS

By Edna Ramseyer

Experience gained in one profession can often be used in other circumstances if a person is willing to try to apply them. It has been interesting to see how the work of our cook boys can be correlated with something else that was done befor

Eli Miller really knows how to move those red coals around in our three coal ranges--for he has fired steam engines.

Lyle Strauss cuts, prepares, and fries our steaks and roasts. He gained knowlege in the butcher shop.

Dave Anderson has had considerable experience in restaurant work, so he takes his place very well as chief cook.

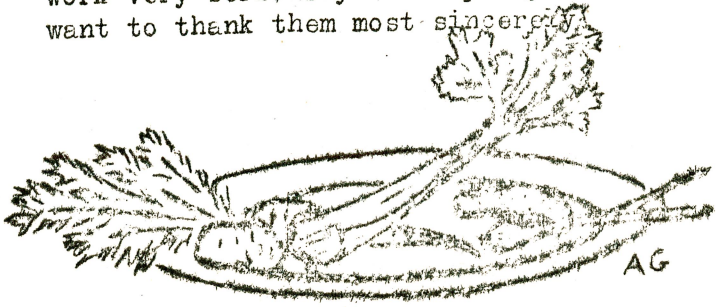
Louis Lock spent several weeks "batching" while teaching school last winter, so naturally he knows many tricks of the trade.

Norman Begley, who is our only married cook, knows and is interested in the culinary arts.

Harry Weirich, who has done much of our pie and cake baking, has had considerable experience working in tons of marl. He is also the fellow who made our nice waste-paper baskets.

Raymond Gerger has been feeding beef cattle for several years, so he can understand what problems one has in large-scale feeding. He has also done quite a bit of cooking for himself.

All in all, they have taken their work very seriously and capably. I do want to thank them most sincerely.



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PHIL'S PHILOSOPHY
By Phil Frey

Some weeks ago a young man from Camp Shelby, Mississippi visited our camp and after seeing our dormitories was struck by their beauty, convenience and comfort. Today one of our campees received a card from the same camp saying, "We are sleeping o Mother Earth, which is not so soft.!

As I pondered over these conditions, I thought of the marked contentment which should be in evidence in our camp. Certainly to become more and more satisfied, we need but to reflect, not on our own needs, but on those greater needs which others have

My philosophy is and has been that we should endeavor to discipline self to the extent that we can say with the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:11, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, there with to be content. The question is not what else can I use to my own satisfaction, but what can I do without. Again Paul says, "But Godliness with contentment is great gain. And having food and raiment let us therewith be content". I Timothy 6:6,8. Most misery and discontent is caused by over emphasizing the value of relatively unimportant things.

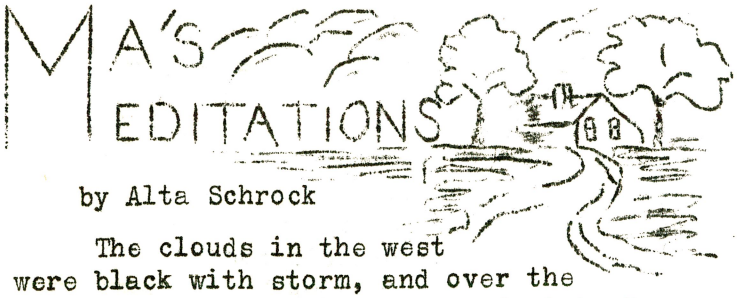
EDITORIALS

When we think of possibly staying in camp for two and one half years it seems like a long, long time. It means making many adjustments in our relations to the outside world so as to best fit into our environment. We are not so much concerned about our ability to make these adjustments as we are about the futility of that which makes it necessary. In other words we boys here at the Bluffton camp feel that we will be able to make good use of our time so far as our own individual lives are concerned. We will learn many things. We will learn to work together and appreciate one another. We will learn practical things--how to do our work better--how to do some things we could not do before. Above all we expect to learn to know the Word of God better and His will in our lives.

Yet in a larger sense the futility of that which makes it necessary for us to be here weighs us down. It is hard for us to get that real feeling of accomplishment so important as a stimulant to greater achievment and greater satisfaction.

It is only as we turn to our faith in the Almighty and our knowlege that He still reigns supreme, that we gain new courage and confidence. We know that whatever both the immediate and distant future may hold for us, that still, as Paul wrote to the Romans, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." With this faith and knowlege we press on.

---CML



by Alta Schrock

The clouds in the west were black with storm, and over the park hung a brooding blanket of mist. Rugged lightning tore from the breaks in the clouds and thrust into the trees along the Wabash. Thunder rolled; the wind rose high and caught fragments of broken trees, whirling them against the meadow-grass. Then the heavens opened and drenched the country-side. The bicycler was caught in the shower and sought refuge under a cottonwood along the road.

From the young forest near the tower came the smell of pungent pine--fresh and sharp as a spring dawn. Bird songs rose clear as clarions, and the voice of the quail lashed the air like a whip. All nature tingled with new life, washed clean in the down-pour.

From the top of the tower one sensed a new world, thundering and echoing through the tree-tops. On the lake below the swans and geese rode the waves in the wild challenge of the storm. Where the sedges trembled by the darkening lake three small fauns stood lithe and tall in the face of the wind; their white forms stood out like etchings against the dusk.

SPEED'S KITCHEN MIRROR

Miss Alta Schrock makes a request; she wants all the bones from the salmon.

"Duffy" Jones, the head waiter, had a birthday and the kitchen crew gave him a large present. He opened it at dinner in the presence of the whole camp. There were so many wrappers that he never found the valuable part of it.

The other day Melvin Yoder was making soap suds and splashed some into a can of milk which was uncovered. One of the waiters says the fellows at his tables were rather surprised when their mouths started to foam after drinking milk.

Miss Ramseyer and Ivan Bean found some dumplings and salad while eating supper. They never guessed who put them there.

THE CAMP STAFF

Director.....Rev. R.L. Hartzle
Business Manager.....Rev. Phil Frey
Cook and Dietician.....Edna Ramseyer
Matron.....Alta Schrock

PEACE FRONT

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ence in the Berkshires from August 24 to 29 to discuss the problems of the coming peace. Some people doubt the wisdom of planning for peace when the questions of war are far from settled. Dr. Everett Clinchy, president of the conference gives an answer to such doubts. He says:

"The last peace was lost as the world was unready for it. We had wasted our substance in war, and in our weariness were willing to leave to diplomats the making of the peace. Religious forces, for one, exerted no discernible influence at the Versailles peace conference. The forces of hate and revenge sat in their places. If such errors are not to be repeated, some advance intelligence must be applied to the vast problems of peace which loom ahead."

Among the vital problems to be faced when the war has ended are the demobilization of an armed force of 2 to 3,000,000 men--they must be given jobs. And the millions of defense workers who will have to be shifted back into peace-time production. The national debt may stand at a high mark of $100,000,000,000. And, too, there will have to be a tremendous readjustment of world trade relations, and the removal of tariff barriers.

Another meeting will be the 26th Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation at Lakeside, Ohio, Sept. 5,6,and 7. Among the subjects to be discussed are conscription and the C.O., the church and peace, the international situatuin, war economy, farm problems and pacifist discipline. Perhaps some of these problems can be discussed in subsequent issues of "The Sentinel". Surely conscientious objectors dedicating themselves to work for a peaceful world, should have as deep an interest in these problems as any church people. Several members of the camp are attending the conferences.

SECULAR ACTIVITIES

The astronomy group has just begun its study of constellations with the first field trip on Friday evening August 1. The group finds the open spaces around camp ideal for such study.

The music appreciation group has met several times, the programs consisting of the playing of recordings on the machine owned by a number of the boys in dorm B. At the first meeting Tschaikowski's "Nutcracker Suite" and Ponchelli's "Dance of the Hours" was played to an appreciative group in the reception room. Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony " and excerpts from "The Messiah" were played at the second meeting. For this meeting a good machine was brought over from Berne for the ocassion. The rendition was excellent.

WOODWORKING SHOP POPULAR

While going through our woodworking shop and seeing our tools and some of the things the boys have been making during their spare time, Mrs. Ralph McClain, a recent visitor, made this statement-"Men need their little shop and tools just as women need their sewing baskets to express their creative ingenuity and get that satisfaction of accomplishment that the majority of people crave."

One need only see the eagerness and enthusiastic effort and concentration of thought with which the boys apply themselves while making various items of their own choosing from old scrap wood, to fully realize the truth of the above statement. With but a limited amount of equipment, including only four power machines--a small bench saw, a 10 inch band saw, a small lathe with emery wheel attached, and a jointer--together with a few hand tools, the boys are making articles than one, not knowing their origin, could well believe them to have been purchased in a furniture store.

The most necessary and usable pieces of furniture were sawed, planed, and assembled first, including such items as small tables and chairs for their own personal use in their own little nooks beside their beds. Going through the dormitories one can see as much variety in style and color of furniture as there are individuals who made them. A number of the boys have made small radio shelves that swing in and out of closets. What-not shelves, book shelves and clock shelves are other small items that have been made from waste wood.

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WOODSHOP (Con't)

Several of the boys have attempted larger pieces of furniture such as lounging chairs, lawn chairs, waste boxes for the kitchen of fine design and accuracy, kitchen cabinets, magazine racks, baseball bats etc. One man has succeeded in making a very comfortable rocker with a unique patent which allows him to lean forward and tie his shoes without having the rocker swing forward and spilling him.

Some of the more experienced cabinet makers have made items of lasting pride. One of them is a typing desk finished in oak and a chair, also made of oak to match the desk. The fact that these articles are sawed out of old, warped, apparently useless lumber adds an extra touch of pride to the boy's accomplishments that is well deserved.

It is interesting to note that a completed article by one of the boys is an inspiration to the others to attempt something of their own design just like a piece of needle work, artistically done by one woman, spurrs the next on to attempt an equally difficult task for herself, thereby gaining invaluable skill and experience in their particular field of interest.

FISH AND GAME PROJECT

Only slight changes have been made in the work program of this division since the previous writing. Even rain hasn't interrupted work during the past three weeks. Every week day morning the trucks roll into camp and about fifty boys load on, going back to work at the same jobs we've been doing for the last few weeks. All of the boys are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Mr. Hammond, the new work manager. When he arrives, probably not later than September first, we expect several new projects to begin---something more interesting, educational, and less monotonous. Accidents will happen occasionally and this week Jake Hershberger and Little Abner were the victims. While Jake was cutting a limb off a tree it suddenly broke and hit him on the nose. Abner while chopping on a pile of old lumber stepped on a nail. Both were taken to the doctor at Berne Wednesday evening. George Smith, the mechanic of the division, repairs the state truck and equipment when it's necessary. The game preserve is furnishing some 80 racoon, a dozen wild geese, ten partridges, and a bear to the state fair next week. The sickle gang have become more tactful in

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IN AND OUT OF DORMITORIES

Emanuel Beachy of dorm E was the first man to be discharged from camp. He got his discharge after being here seven weeks. The boys from his dorm as well as the rest of the camp will remember him for his fine Christian spirit and all wish him God's richest blessing.

Atlee Raber of dorm F wants to be awakened when it thunders after night as he is afraid he can't sleep.

Some of the boys in dorm H have been experimenting with the latest ways and means to sleep. Harlan Birkey figured that if he put his bed on top of him he would be less likely to fall out. John Plank thought the idea good and tried it also. Evidently it wasn't a success for now they both sleep on their beds again.

Prayers were offered by the members of dorm B in their Saturday night prayer meeting for our brother Menno Hostetler who is now in the camp infirmary. We hope that he will soon recover as we certainly miss him in and out of the dorm.

Albert Hershberger of dorm E fell out of his bed the other night. He escaped with minor injuries.

Alvin Weaver of dorm D and now our night watchman, was very much put out the other evening when he discovered that he had written two letters and sent one to the wrong girl.

The boys in dorm F hope Miss Schrock finds the Iowa camp a pleasant place. They are sorry to see her leave.

A survey made by your reporter shows that the following books and magazines are being read in dorm B: the Bible, a book on astronomy, a text book on air conditioning, The Moody Monthly, Fellowship, Popular Mechanics, Saturday Evening Post, and Art Mishler says he reads the funny papers.

For a while the boys thought there might be a bear in dorm H. He seemed to have stepped in Lester Hofstetter's powder and so was tracked down. It turned out to be Jake Hershberger.

Elmer Yoder's cousin??? was here last Sunday afternoon.

Shorty Hershberger has a new novelty cuckoo clock which has been attracting a lot of attention down in dormitory D.

A group of the boys on Edwin Rutt's birthday rolled him under the bed and gave him his required number of "spanks". He needed more but the boys had quite a time giving him those he got.

Whenever Jake Kooi goes around Dorm D with a gloomy look on his face everyone knows pretty well what the trouble is--he didn't receive a letter from his sweetheart that day as he usually does every day of the week.

We couldn't understand why Ray Thomas and Bert Eash kept taking their bill folds out so often till we found out that they had their girl's pictures in them.

Dorm D is grateful to the ladies near Goshen who made the new curtains to hang over their closets. They are green and match the rest of the room very nicely.

Willard Knies sent a card of appreciation to the boys in dorm D for the money which they sent him in his time of need.

Paul and Abe Yoder are outstanding runners. Paul won the last race.

Dorm A appreciates their curtains very much. They wish to express their deepest thanks to Ma for her gift.

Orville Kehr found his "stuffed" brother in his bed when he returned Sunday night. The man had a lot of company Sunday.

L'il Abner and Hill continue their friendly chats before they retire for the night.

Raymond Gerber had a stiff neck last week from diving into a sand bank at the swimming hole.

Last week Rudy Yoder dreamed he was fishing. When he woke up his toe was tied to the bedpost.

Romain Zahm often sleeps with his head to one side and tucked on his shoulder. Try it some time.

The other evening one of the boys in dorm G chased up a mouse. The boys armed with shoes and what not finally emerged the victors.

ERNIE'S SPECIAL BEDTIME STORY
By Ernest Christner

Several years ago while I was living in my shack up in northern Michigan I went out early one morning to cut down a few trees. I needed these trees to finish the southeast corner of the shack before the howling winds of winter set in. While I was busy chopping away on a big sycamore I thought I heard a noise behind me. Turning around I saw one of the largest grizzly bears ever seen in those parts. Ordinarily I would not have hesitated to face the bear but being taken by surprise and seeing him charging madly towards me I started running for the barn. I got there just in time to crawl under a barrel standing at one corner of the barn. The bear became quite furious at being cheated out of what he evidently thought was a tender morsel, and so began charging around the barrel. To this day I do not know just how it happened, but somehow he got his tail through the bung hole. Having by this time regained complete presence of mind, I quickly tied a knot in his tail. It was quite a sight to see the bear run off through the woods with the barrel bumping along behind.

The next spring as I was out in the woods again close to the same place where I had been cutting down trees, I heard a loud commotion and turned around just in time to see six bear cubs running down the hill with kegs on the end of their tails.

FISH AND GAME PROJECT
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fighting bumble bees and are able now to destroy their nests and still save the honey which they feed to the big black bear. He is said to eat it comb and all, even licking off what remains on the boys' fingers.

"In the Sun and Moon and Stars
Signs and wonders have appeared;
Earth has groaned with bloody wars,
And the hearts of men have feared.

But though from His awful face
Heaven shall fade and earth shall fly,
Fear not ye His chosen race,
Your redemption draweth nigh."

----contributed

ODE TO BLUFFTON
Tune: "Annie Lyle"

Hail to thee, our dear Camp Bluffton,
Planted on the plains,
Where mid work and high endeavor
Truest friendship reigns.
How we love thee, now we'll serve thru
thee our God and King;
Hail to thee our dear Camp Bluffton,
Songs of praise we bring.

Where the Wabash River flowing
Winds mid rolling plains,
Through the darkling forest margin
Where the wild bird reigns.
Silver lake and woodland pathway, skies
of cloudless blue;
How we love thy native beauty,
Love thy spirit true.

As we work and pray together
For the cause of peace,
May the serving make us richer
May our souls increase.
In the class room, in the chapel, thru
the working hours
We would give our best and noblest--
Serve with all our powers.

From thy portals when we scatter
Thru a war-torn earth,
May we spread thy peace and mercy,
Give the new day birth.
How we love thee, now we'll serve thru
thee our God and King;
Hail to thee our dear Camp Bluffton,
Songs of praise we bring.

----Alta Schrock

FRIENDS INDEED

Our friends are still remembering us. During the past two weeks we have been given six bushels tomatoes, 80 doz. ears of sweet corn, 1 bushel peaches, celery, one and one half bushel apples, one half bushel potatoes, pears, towels, honey, one gallon maple syrup, 50 pounds flour, 10 pounds sugar, 20 gallons ice cream from Pletcher's Dairy, six gallons jelly and cookies.

We appreciate these substantial rememberances very much and thank our friends for them.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.
---Jas. 3:18